

THE AMENDMENT

In the Specification

Amend the paragraph starting at page 1, line 4:

This application is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 09/101,395, filed July 10, 1998, which was the National Stage of International Application No. PCT/US98/02702, filed February, 6, 1998, published August 13, 1998 under PCT Article 21(2) in English; which ~~claims the priority is a continuation-in-part of~~ U.S. Application No. 08/798,508, filed February 10, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 5,837,861, and ~~is also a continuation-in-part of~~ U.S. Application No. 08/797,472, filed February 6, 1997, now U.S. Patent 5,900,407.